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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne & Sydney.

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RANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 37,500,000
RESERVE FUND, 34,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS, \$ 200,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$ 75,000,000

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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
(\$1 Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.)

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
6 4 per cent. "
12 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted in London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, for a period of 12 months, at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, at the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank will be marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded directly by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor of his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 754

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
MR. LOUIS PIRON in our Firm
CEASED on the 1st January, 1887.

HAHN, PIRON & CO.

Hongkong, January 14, 1887. 81

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE SACHSE has been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from the 1st of January, 1887.

HAHN, PIRON & CO.

Hongkong, January 14, 1887. 81

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER to sign Bills of Lading in our Name from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, November 20, 1886. 2274

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED will ENTER into
PARTNERSHIP on the 1st January, 1887, as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS
under the Style or Firm of 'EUGHES &
EZRAS'.

E. JONES HUGHES
N. N. J. EZRA.

Hongkong, December 31, 1886. 2492

Intimations.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

JAPAN! JAPAN!! JAPAN!!!

KUHN & CO.

JAPANESE FINE ART GALLERY,
(Opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).

— NOW OPEN —

ANCIENT and MODERN BRONZES,
JADES, LACQUER, SILKS, and
BROCADES; GENUINE SATSUMA,
EMBROIDERED TABLEUX, QUILTS,
WRAPPERS, JACKETS and GOWNS,
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, BRONZE
JEWELLERY, and Hundreds of ELEGANT
and USEFUL ARTICLES.

All will be offered at the lowest possible
whole-some prices in Japan.

INSTRUCTION RESPECTFULLY INVITED.

Hongkong, January 3, 1887. 15

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NO. 4, SPECIAL

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the WRECK
of the CHINESE SHIP *Wan-niu-ching* lies sunk in Three Fathoms at
low water, spring tides, with the Tung-sha
Lightship bearing

North 26° West (Magnetic). Distant
7½ nautical miles.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,

Shanghai, 25th January, 1887. 135

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,

(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LAT-
TELLY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

At the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends, has
TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied
by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

DISCOUNT to missionaries and families.

Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary Half Yearly
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS

in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of
the Company, No. 1, Queen's Road Central,

on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February, at
Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Directors, and
Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be
closed from the 20th Instant to the 2nd February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1887. 72

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the
OFFICES of the Company, No. 14, Queen's Road Central, on
SUNDAY, the 26th February, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors, and
Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be
closed from the 15th to the 26th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1887. 108

NOTICE.

TO LEASE.

THE SPACIOUS PREMISES
known as The

Hongkong Steam Laundry
Company (Limited),

comprising—

A SIX-ROOMED DWELLING,

SPACIOUS DRYING ROOM & YARD,

— AND —

INLAND LOTS, Nos. 742 and 743,

upon which it stands, measuring about

24,000 Square Feet.

Also,

FOR SALE.

1. HORIZONTAL STEAM ENGINE AND BOILER.

2. MALFINGER WASHING MACHINE for Heavy Work.

3. ROTARY WASHING MACHINES for Family Work.

4. DASH WHEEL RINSEING MACHINE.

5. Do. Do. Do. NEW.

6. CENTRIFUGAL MACHINE for Wringing.

7. NEST of FOUR COPPER BOILERS.

8. STARCHING MACHINE.

9. IRON STOVES for Heating Irons.

10. COMPLETE DRYING CLOSET, with TWENTY
HOUSES.

11. DECODING IRONING MACHINE.

12. Do. Do. Do.

13. MANGLE, with Driving and REVERSING
GEAR.

A. O. D. GOURDIN,
Menzier.

Hongkong, January 27, 1887. 140

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED will ENTER into
PARTNERSHIP on the 1st January, 1887.

14. E. JONES HUGHES
N. N. J. EZRA.

Hongkong, December 31, 1886. 2492

Business Notices.

STEEL & GREENAWAY LTD.

HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER SHIPMENTS OF

NEW BOOKS.

THE Latest 1/ and 2/- NOVELS.

NEW ANNUALS.

HOOD'S GREENAWAY'S, and THE ILLUSTRATED
ALMANACS for 1887.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1887.

MORE SKETCHES, by CALDECOTT.

AESOP'S FABLES, with Modern Illustrations, by CALDECOTT.

Entertainment.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

SALINGER'S ENGLISH OPERA
BOUFLER COMPANY,The Universal Favorites of India and the
East, will arrive shortly for the purpose
of producing all the most Popular
Operas of the Day, including:
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S LATEST JAPANESE
COMIC OPERA.T H E M I K A D O,
As only performed by this Company in its
Original entirety.The Company consists of the following
well-known Artists:-Miss TILDE SARONY.
Miss LENA SALINGER.
Miss ETHE WILSON.
Miss ALICE FLETCHER.

Mr. ARTHUR RIGBY.

Mr. HENRY H. SALINGER.

Mr. FRANK D'EATY.

Mr. EDWARD FRANKLIN.

Mr. GEORGE WILSON.

Master MAGNUS SALINGER.

Musical Director - Mr. H. W. POWYS WOOD.

Particulars in future issues.

N. SALINGER,
Business Manager.

Hongkong, January 28, 1887. 156

To-day's Advertisements.
INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOU, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTZE.)The Steamship
"Katsung,"
Captain Young, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 p.m.For Freight or Passage apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 158

FOR SHANGHAI.

(The Steamship
"Amy,"
Captain R. KOHLER, will be
despatched for the above
Port on TUESDAY, the 1st February,
at 4 p.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 162

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AMSTER-
DAM AND HAMBURG, VIA
SUEZ CANAL.(Taking Cargo at through rates to
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, LONDON,
LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)The Steamship
"Cassandra,"
Capt. C. HARSTAD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 7th February, at
11 a.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 163

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC
SPORTS.GENTLEMEN interested in ATHLETICS
are requested to attend a MEETING
to be held in the Grand Victoria
Recreational Club, on WEDNESDAY, the
2nd February, 1887, at 6 p.m., for the
purpose of receiving Accounts, Electing
Officers, and arranging the Programme for
This Year's Sports.For the Committee 1886,
H. F. HAYLLAR.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 161

FUNDOM AND SUNGHEE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Company's
Office, No. 4, Club Chambers, on TUES-
DAY, the 8th February, 1887, at 4 p.m.,
for the purpose of receiving a Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of
Account.A. O. GOURLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 159

GRIFFITH'S
PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO.
1, DUDDELL STREET,
HONGKONG.OWING TO EXPIRATION OF LEASE, these
PREMISES will be CLOSED in
MARCH NEXT.Mr. GRIFFITH requests of those who have
favoured him with sittings and desiring
more Copies that they will forward him
their Orders at earliest date, and he would
be glad to lease suitable Premises in a
good Central position.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 160

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE S.S. "Bellona," Captain SOUTOUR,
has been despatched from the above Ports.
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless
notice to the contrary be given before
TO-DAY, the 29th instant, at Noon.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will
be landed into the Godowns of the KOW-
LOON FRIED & GODOWA CO. and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 6th Febr.
will be subject to rot.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns where they
will be examined on the 5th February, at
4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887. 157

To-day's Advertisements.

THE
CHINA REVIEW,
VOL. XXV. - NO. 3.

NOTICE.

PART 3 of VOL. XXV. of the China
Review, or Notes and Queries on theFar East will be READY on MONDAY.
The present Number will contain the con-
tinuation of Mr. Playfair's interesting

narrative of the Bombardment of Pekin;

an unrecorded episode of 1882; an article

by Dr. E. J. Eitel, on the Laws of Testa-
mentary Succession as popularly under-

stood and applied in China, which posses-

considerable legal value; a brief history

containing article on the Chinese History,

by Mr. Herbert J. Allen; a List of Chine-
se Dialects used in Spelling, prepared by

Dr. Chalmers, prepared by the

Rev. E. W. Hartmann, with their pro-
nunciation in Pekin Chinese added by Dr.

Chalmers himself, and that of Cantonese

by Mr. Hartmann, and an introductory

article by Dr. Chalmers; a New Key to

Pekin Chinese added by Mr. Playfair; The Hall of Light, by Dr. Ed-
ward Parry; the Chinese Dialect; and an

extensive collection of interesting and

valuable Notes and Queries by Mr. Play-
fair, and others, together with Notices of New

Books, and a List of New Works on China,

and Chinese Subjects.

Terms of Subscription: - \$6 per annum.

By Post: - \$6 50 do.

Hongkong, January 29, 1887.

Tamsui January 27, and Amoy 28, General.

- DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Freight, Danish ast., 397, Chao A. Land,

Yokohama January 13, and Kubo 21,

General. - ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.

J. H. BAGG, American barque, 697, J.

A. PLUM, Hongkong December 21, Ballast.

- GONHALVES & CO.

Kwangtung, Chinese Gardner, Phi-

lipo, Jallon and 2 children, and 10 Chi-

lens.

- PAUL, for Hoitow, 40 Chiwo.

- PER TESD, for Saigon, 12 Chiwo.

- PER HYDE, for Bonchulu, 20 Chiwo.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer "Haihong" reports:

From Swatow to Breaker Point, had strong

N.E. winds and heavy rain; thence to

strong N.W. winds and overcast.

The British steamer "Kintay" reports:

Had a fair wind up to Cape Varala,

from thence to just strong N.E. monsoon

with high sea.

The British steamer "Fusion" reports:

Left Tamsui on the 27th, and experienced

strong N.E. winds, with high sea and rainy

weather to Amoy.

The British steamer "Swatow" had strong

N.E. winds, with heavy rain, to Amoy.

The British steamer "Lushen" had strong

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The Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, the Philippines, &c., issued from the Daily Press office, is again to land in its old familiar covers. In outer appearance this excellent and comprehensive directory is exactly similar to that of last year, and internally there are not many innovations or changes. The most important local improvement is the introduction of a directory with a plan, to the Peak district. This will be of great value to strangers invited to visit friends at the Peak, and will no doubt be in great request when the Tramway cars commence to wind their way up and down the hill. The Ladies' Directory again forms an interesting feature of the work. The naval directory has also been increased by the addition of the squadrons of the United States, Germany, Japan and northern China.—*Fochow Echo*.

The *Singapore Free Press* hears that Mr Justice Sheriff has exchanged with Judge in Demarara and will leave New Bengal in Singapore. It is mentioned in *Panang* that this is much to be regretted, as Mr Sheriff had gained the reputation of being an excellent Judge.

Two 6 inch breech-loading long range guns, weighing over 12,000 lbs. each, manufactured by Sir Wm. G. Armstrong, are being mounted in a newly-constructed redoubt on the summit of a hillside overlooking the Seamen's Hospital, at the Padoga Anchorage. The earthwork, which was done entirely under Chinese supervision, reflects great credit on its construction.—*Fochow Echo*.

As until the work contains an excellent map of Victoria, showing the new Bowen Road, and the new road to the Magazine Gap; a map of the island, and, at the beginning of the book, a small but useful map of the Straits and Marine Insurance Association. The company will be numbered a Secretary and Committee of Directors, until the formation of a reserve Fund. The business of the Association will be confined to Singapore and the Straits for Five, and the Straits, India, China, Japan, and all the islands between Malacca, Straits and Whidbeystock, it will be seen how small a handful of men are engaged in the work of civilizing the millions of semi-civilized people who inhabit these countries.

To return to the Directory, however, 718 pages of the book are occupied with descriptive, statistical and directory matter, while over 400 pages more are filled with Orders in Council, rules of the Supreme Court in China and Japan, a code of civil procedure for Hongkong, a charter of the Colony, treaties, down to the latest date, customs' tariffs, a postal guide, tables of distances and weights and measures &c. &c. We think, taken altogether, this Directory is again fully entitled to be classed as the premier work of its kind in the Far East.

The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars at the Italian Convent took place this afternoon. Mrs Marsh presided and there was a large company of ladies and gentlemen present. After the girls had sung the chorus "Gazia a voi che provide," Father Burghill spoke for a short time on the progress of the school. Of the three schools, he said, carried on by the Sisters the one at the Convent was the English school. They had there at present 133 scholars and of these 62 were presented for examination. Of the others some were too young and some had not the 200 attendances required.

Out of the 62 examined only four failed, two in the first standard and two in the fifth. The two presented for the Bellotti examination passed very well. He was assured by a trustee that their papers were very good indeed. In the Convent school as in the other schools under the care of the sisters great importance was attached to needle-work. They considered that a girl's education was not complete unless she could work with the needle as well as the pen. The needle-work in the school was on the whole very good. They were much indebted to Mrs Granville Sharp for the patience, pains, and impartiality she bestowed in judging the needlework. Besides English several other languages were taught at the Convent. Although the sisters were mostly Italian they were in a sense cosmopolitan and could teach English Portuguese and German. The music taught, however, was essentially Italian. In St. Francis school out of 60 girls only 27 were presented. The school, which was attended mostly by children of the poorer class, laboured under the disadvantage that the teacher fell sick a month before the examination. The Bridges Street School did very well; 33 were examined and all passed. He thanked Mrs Marsh and the ladies and gentlemen who had honoured them with their presence, encouraging that the teachers and the pupils. Col. Ryan added a few words. He said he was only a stranger in this community, but he had been enquiring about this institution of the Sisters of Mercy here. He understood that it was about 27 years ago that they were first introduced into Hongkong by Father Burghill himself, and since then to judge by what they saw there that day the sisters had pursued successfully their course of benevolence and charity. He felt sure that the community in Hongkong of all classes and all creeds would do their utmost and that willingly to countenance and support the good work which were being accomplished by the sisters in this community. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Marsh, Mr. J. J. Francis, &c., reading over the list. A long programme of songs, recitations, piano solos, duets, and quartettes was then gone through, the scholars showing a precision and taste that did credit to themselves and their teachers.

H. B. M.'s gunboat *Cochrane* arrived at Shanghai from Chonmoulo on the 23rd inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewan Cameron were passengers from Shanghai for Aden, for Hongkong.

CAPTAIN LEED is booked for London by the P. and O. steamer *Malice*, which arrived here this afternoon.

Mr. J. C. A. Wingate, U. S. Consul, Foochow, arrived at Shanghai by the *Yokohama Maru* on the 23rd instant.

It was rumoured in Shanghai on the 26th instant that private telegrams are to hand stating that ten thousand Americans are to be found in the Pechouk and that the Canadians have gathered in great numbers in the vicinity of Lake Manophengmangog [!].

On dit, that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s godowns at Fochow have been rented by the Imperial Maritime Customs to serve as the bolded warehouses for the storage of Opium, as required by Article 2 of the Additional Article to the *Chesoo Convention*.

The *Singapore Free Press* hears that Mr Justice Sheriff has exchanged with Judge in Demarara and will leave New Bengal in Singapore. It is mentioned in *Panang* that this is much to be regretted, as Mr Sheriff had gained the reputation of being an excellent Judge.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in Foochow City on Monday, the 17th instant, and before a couple of hours had elapsed no less than sixty to seventy houses fell a prey to the devouring element. Not only the name of the names, was made, except the course of the conflagration, and after making such a start, had the fire burnt itself out, as it was burning in Chinese cities. It is said that the origin of the fire must be attributed to the indiscriminate firing of embers indulged in by the natives, as it is their wont, at this period of the year.—*Echo*.

That the rain has not yet washed away the Peak Tramway so far.

That your "No doubt," added to your wonderful correspondent's *a. b.*, theory for the very heavy rainfall of the past week, were the only intelligible words in connection with the "equator" result in a second period, of an atmospheric thermal excess of a first period.

That in such a position of Banks most Stocks have somewhat suffered, although not indicated so much by actual quotations.

That Docks, for instance, are a shade, but only a shade, higher than lower, as the belief in 8 per cent. gains ground, for it must be evident to the Directorate that, in the present temper of shareholders, they will stand no further material writing-down of property after the heavy provision made under this head last half year.

That Sugars have dropped a point or two, doubtless only to the better recover as the dividend time draws nearer.

That China Traders, on the other hand, would appear to be feeling the early withdrawal of their ray of underwriting light, combined with the continuance of the Haggis was raw, the Pinch a la Cranach sublimo, and the Piper a picture.

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That I equally refuse to attribute it to a Bear movement, for even our local Brains would scarcely be so insane as to depreciate their holdings so seriously merely for the purpose of cornering them.

That the following gentlemen were elected office bearers of the Cathay Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons, No. 1165, on Tuesday evening:

M.E.Z. Comp. Paul Jordan.
H. " A. H. Woolley.
J. " A. O. Gourdin.
Treas. " R. S. Chen.
Scribe E. " P. Dipple.
P.S. " H. McCallum.
Janitor " J. Maxwell.

On Wednesday evening, at the regular meeting of the Eothon Mark, Lodge of Hongkong, Bro. Paul Jordan was installed as Master for the ensuing year by Wor. Bro. Captain Crispida, assisted by Wor. Bros. D. Mallory, E. C. Ray and E. Georg.

Wor. Bro. Jordan also appointed his officers and invested those who were present, the list being as follows:

S.W. Bro. G. C. Cox.
J. " A. G. Morris.
M.O. " W. D. Gurdin.
S.G. " D. G. P. Jordan.
J.O. " F. A. Hugland.
Chaplin Bro. " J. Wilmet.
Treasurer of Marks Bro. " H. McCallum.
Secretary Bro. " G. J. W. King.
S.D. Bro. " A. E. Mader.
D.C. " J. Hatchet.
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THE CHINESE THEATRE.

The *Spectator* gives the following review of a work just issued on the Chinese Theatre:—A sketch of the Chinese theatre from the point of a cultured Chinaman familiar with Western civilisation could scarcely fail to prove interesting to a wide circle of Occidental readers; and this gossipy little volume of General Tchang-Ki-Tong's *Military Attack on the Chinese Embassy at Paris*, is doubtless the most entertaining, if not the most reliable, account we have come across of plays, playgoers, and playgoing in the Flower Land. Through purporting to be a study of comparative manners and morals as reflected in the drama, comparisons are for the most part avoided, and the book consists mainly of a series of bright and chatty essays treating of things theatrical generally as they are in the far Eastern Empire.

Though passionately fond of theatrical representations, the Chinese have, according to General Tchang-Ki-Tong, no regular theatres as in Europe, and actors are regarded as something a degree or two worse than rogues or vagabonds. Actresses there are now, nowadays, young men performing the female parts. Formerly, under the rule of the Mongol Emperors, women were allowed to appear on the stage, but they were classed with infamous characters, and were legally debarred from claiming the ordinary privileges assured to every decent female in China. The players are banded together in troupes or guilds, rejoicing in such high-flown appellations as the "Brotherhood of Reason and Courtesy," the "Company of Splendid Virtuous," the "Society of Fragrant Flowers," and "Mirrors of Virtue." What is to be done? The bond between the members of these guilds is unusually strong, and the director who exhausts the machinery of the spirits, in order to pour ridicule upon the opponents of Confucianism.

Comedies of character—those in which the feelings and vice of humankind are laid bare in the persons of individuals—form a fair proportion of Chinese plays. The popularity of the popular sympathetic characters that are invariably constructed to exemplify the moral conveyed in the maxims familiar to Chinaman from youth, that punishment follows sin as certainly as shadow follows substance. Nothing is so dear to the heart of the Celestial as retributive justice; and the unquenched delight of the audience when some unprincipled Mandarin, the "Fox," as he is called, the accepted type of a cunning rogue—is exposed and punished, is a standing tribute to the wholesomeness of the mass of the Chinese people. The actors themselves, who can pay, the pit being opened free to the public. As soon as the preliminary arrangements are completed, the performances begin. They commence at an early hour in the morning, and terminate late at night, four or five plays being produced in the course of each day, to as many fresh audiences as possible. The number of spectators goes, another comes; and so the performances are continued day after day, without intermission until the repertory of the troupe is exhausted. As long as the "Mirrors of What is and Should Be," or the "Society of Fragrant Flowers" are in the town, there is a general holiday; shops are closed, business is neglected, country folks troop in as to a fair, and all, rich and poor, high and low, are, for the time being, absorbed in the sorrows of *Han*, the adventures of the literary *Tao-Yung*, the love intrigues of *Pao-Ming-Tung*, or the misadventures of *Tahing-In*. The theatre, and nothing but the theatre, occupies public attention, until the periodic fairs held out to the next town on their circuit. Often a wealthy resident will treat the townsmen to a series of performances at his own cost; and not unfrequently the Buddhist priests and Taoist teachers invite a strolling company to some favourite shrine or pilgrimage place, thus adding to the attractions held out to the devout. In such cases, the performers take up the open air, surrounded by a crowd of boozers, who, in their cups, drink, smoke, snuff, and even lewdcent practices by means of prostitutes. In this way, it will be seen that although there are no regular theatres in China, the public have no lack of theatrical entertainment, and at a minimum of cost to the poorer classes.

Wealthy Chinamen often indulge in the extravagance of a high-class play for the entertainment of their friends in private. And for this purpose they have, most of them, a special saloon fitted for such performances, attached to their dwelling-houses. Invitations to dinner, succeeded by a theatrical representation, are common, and where the host enjoys the reputation of a bon-vivant, and a literate, such invitations are sought after and appreciated. A dinner of this kind is always served in the saloon where the performance takes place, the guests being paired off according to rank and standing. The dishes never exceed eight or ten on such occasions; and we may remark in passing that General Tchang-Ki-Tong destroys one of the favourite illusions of the outer barbarians when he tells us that forks and spoons always appear upon Chinese tables, and that it is quite possible for him to detect a Chinaman dinner without the aid of either chopsticks or one finger. As soon as the dishes are removed, and the host has made the prescribed apology for the "poor dinner," he has offered his friends, the actors enter, attired in the rich though antiquated costumes worn under the Ming dynasty. The chief of the troupe advances and presents to the most honoured guest a book on which are inscribed in golden letters the names of the fifty or sixty plays the comedian knew by heart. The list is passed round, selection is made, the ladies take seats in the gallery well hidden from view, and the doors are thrown open, the general public, who always enjoy the village, free admission. The performance commences with the entry of the leading character of the piece, who addresses the audience announcing his name, business, and antecedents, as well as his connection with the drama in progress. A similar explanation is made by each of the dramatis personae as they successively appear, and take part in the play. There is no scenery employed in a Chinese theatre, absolutely no stage decoration, nothing whatever to create or maintain scenic illusion. It is specially desired to bring the mind of the spectator into touch with the scene, the language, the stage and the imaginary surroundings. As a rule, the surfaces of the audience is supposed to require a little extra jogging, the waver *Bottom's* device of a man with some mortar to indicate a wall, and another with a lantern on the Chinese stage. So that half-a-dozen persons helped one on the other not infrequently represent the rampart over which in all gravity the hero proceeds to climb when escaping from his pursuers. A feature of the Chinese drama is the singing role, one of the *roles à voix* to whom all the singing is allotted. When the other considers it desirable to indicate a scene, or make especial allusion to what has gone before, it is done in song. This seems to be an original invention of the Chinese playwrights, and causes every drama to resemble more or less an opera-bouffe in which one of the characters does all the singing.

The plays themselves are, as General

Tchang-Ki-Tong is constrained to admit, deficient in those higher imaginative qualities which are characteristic of the Occidental drama. But this is only tantamount to saying that life in China is a less developed and less continental, and affords no such ample scope for dramatic idealisation as the fitter and freer existence of the West. The motto of a play is very rarely love. With the Chinese, as with all Oriental peoples, love is a sentiment, not a passion—a distinction important to be remembered—and the tyrannous, all-absorbing emotion which Europeans are fond of depicting, appears to them but a gross and somewhat stupid exaggeration. Instead of love, the *hero or Jeune premier* of the classic stage is crowned not with marriage and the possession of beloved objects, but with the laurels of a successful career in the best of health, and can partake any kind of food with ease and comfort. I am therefore thankful to you that, through the instrumentality of your valuable medicine, I am restored to the state of health I now enjoy.—Yours truly,

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